



Celebrating Our Sovereignty

20th Anniversary of the Mashpee Wampanoag Ball 2016

Nominations for the **2016 Osamequen, Wampanoag Business and Leadership, "Alice May Lopez Award for Advocacy and Volunteerism"** and the **Lewis Gurwitz Spirit Awards** are now being accepted.

The winners will be announced at the Mashpee Wampanoag Ball on Saturday April 16, 2016 at the White's of Westport in Westport, MA. Nominations may only be submitted by tribal members and may not be anonymous. A nomination will not be considered unless the nominator is identified.

All nominations must be received at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Office, Attn: Ball Committee: 483 Great Neck Road - South, Mashpee, MA 02649 no later than 4 p.m. on **March 24, 2016**.

Nominator/submitter's information:

Name_____

Telephone_____

Nominee information:

Name_____

Address_____

Telephone_____

*****Please see attached award descriptions*****



Please attach a detailed description of the reasons you feel the person nominated deserves the specified award. *Please submit a maximum of one (1) type written page.*

- () Lewis Gurwitz Spirit Award
- () Wampanoag Business and Professional Leadership Award
- () Osamequen Award
- () Alice May Lopez Award for Advocacy and Volunteerism

Lewis Gurwitz Spirit Award

This award is given to any non-tribal member who has displayed unselfish devotion and friendship to the Mashpee Wampanoag. The award is given in memory of our great friend Lew, a brilliant attorney who sacrificed a lucrative law practice to devote his life and career to defending native people. Recipients of this award may be members of other tribes.

Wampanoag Business and Professional Leadership Award

The award honors tribal members who exemplify a strong work ethic, professionalism and performance excellence, and leadership qualities. It is given to a tribal member who has been successful in launching a business or professional career while balancing the need to be successful and the need to retain our culture and traditions, and as such is a positive example for our youth.

Alice May Lopez Award for Advocacy and Volunteerism

This award will recognize a Tribal member who advocates and/or volunteers on behalf of a fellow Tribal member and/or the Tribal community at large.

“Alice really, really loved life...She helped everybody; mentored teens, took in homeless, helped get groceries...and she helped Wampanoag people keep a roof over their heads.”
~ Jessie little doe Baird

Osamequen Award

This award is given to a tribal member who has been dedicated to the preservation of the tribe, culture and history of the people in memory of the 17th Century Wampanoag Massasoit, Osamequen.